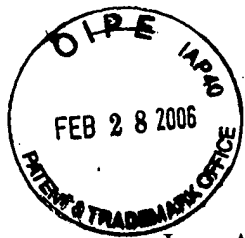


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.